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OF ABC1 ACTIVITY

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Consideration has been given your request for the issuance of a certificate of correction for the above-identified patent under the provisions of Rules 1.322 and 1.323.

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The assignment data is printed in the patent in accordance with PTO-85b, submitted by Applicant at time of the base issue fee, no correction is in order here, unless a petition is Granted.

In view of the foregoing, your request is hereby denied.

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